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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.6 million during the week ending December 29, 2007. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 1 percent from the previous week. The placements included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.3 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

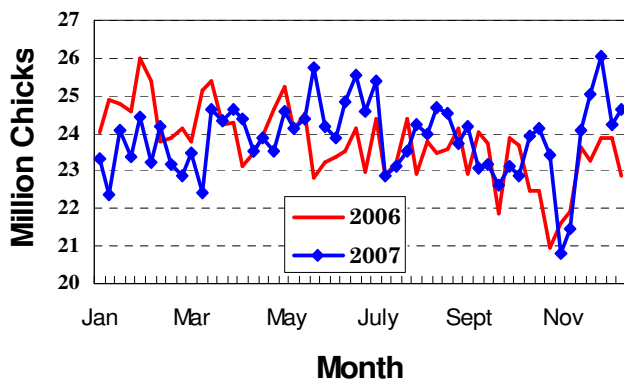
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 29, 2007, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Nov. 24	21,929	21,474	98	21,450	21,761	101	27,743	28,940	104
Dec. 1	23,605	24,092*	102	23,012	23,576	102	27,887	28,947	104
Dec. 8	23,249	25,051*	108	23,310	23,949	103	26,712	27,993	105
Dec. 15	23,902	26,043*	109	23,025	24,089	105	27,928	27,866	100
Dec. 22	23,868	24,253*	102	23,164	24,263*	105	27,640	28,034*	101
Dec. 29	22,868	24,616	108	22,257	23,346	105	27,686	28,473	103

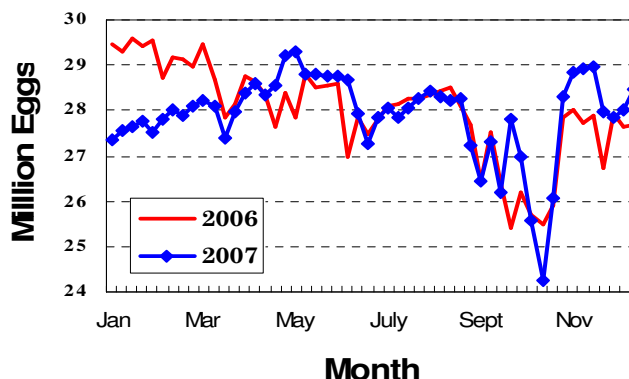
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 1, 2007 - December 29, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending							Week Ending						
	1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	% 1/		1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	32,854	32,496 *	31,823 *	31,941 *	32,174	105		20,717	20,549	21,911 *	21,980 *	21,722	106	
Arkansas	28,947	27,993	27,866	28,034 *	28,473	103		24,092 *	25,051 *	26,043 *	24,253 *	24,616	108	
Delaware	4,163	4,159	4,159	4,133	4,156	105		4,959	5,061	5,343	4,482	4,539	104	
Florida	1,362	1,343	1,344	1,339	1,339	98		1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367	1,307	93	
Georgia	36,181	35,200 *	36,213	36,034 *	36,366	103		28,675	29,179	29,665 *	29,276 *	28,592	102	
Kentucky	8,029 *	7,346 *	7,691	7,813 *	7,565	103		5,984	6,131	6,336 *	6,798 *	6,298	120	
Louisiana	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877	3,877	106		4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031	3,480	102	
Maryland	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015	9,008	106		6,224	5,666	5,489	6,255	6,534	100	
Mississippi	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075	18,861	102		17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284	17,003	111	
N. Carolina	19,696	19,249 *	19,624	19,724 *	19,961	109		16,522	16,218	16,335	16,388 *	16,201	106	
Oklahoma	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597	6,630	104		4,147	4,308	3,797	4,515	4,672	88	
Pennsylvania	4,364	4,136	3,977 *	4,277 *	4,232	108		3,168	3,265	3,201 *	3,279 *	3,125	114	
S. Carolina	5,690	5,387 *	5,607	5,669	5,457	97		4,764	4,985	4,363	4,959	4,628	103	
Texas	15,390	15,315	14,733	15,467	15,468	109		13,043	12,135	12,865	12,833	12,750	108	
Virginia	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207	6,225	100		4,967	4,862	5,206	5,344 *	5,395	122	
CA,MO,TN & WV	20,494	18,388	20,310 *	19,949 *	19,736	99		18,064	17,584	16,927	16,788 *	15,572	94	
19 State Total	222,081 *	214,614 *	217,572 *	219,151 *	219,528			177,932 *	176,660 *	179,461 *	179,832 *	176,434		
Prev. Year Total	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627	211,375			168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573	168,485		
% of Prev. Year	104	104	103	105	104			106	103	104	104	105		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/.....								19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb		

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 29, 2007 were 9.14 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.